

if wanted, along with the house; and there is a park of four acres in old grass that will also be Let, if necessary.
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Leith, April 20. 1799.

Right Hon. Mr. FITZGERALD moved the order of the day for going into a Committee on the Regency Bill.

On the question being put, Lord CASTLEREAGH stated his opinion of this bill, which he thought was altogether inadequate to the purpose for which it was intended, as he still thought that two independent Parliaments might differ and pursue opposite objects.

The public have already been made acquainted with the different arguments on this subject, therefore it would be so wise interesting to detail them again. Indeed the debate soon took a different turn, and the subject before the House was seemingly entirely lost sight of, for having resolved into a Committee, Mr. ROCHFORD took the chair, and Mr. FITZGERALD shortly stated his reasons in support of the bill, and concluded by moving the following amendment to meet an objection of Lord Castlereagh's, viz. after the word *shall*, in the first clause, add, "according to the laws and constitution of Great Britain."

So soon as he sat down, the eyes of the House were turned to Mr. FOSTER, the Speaker. This Gentleman, the public already know, was decidedly against the proposed Union, and when that measure was discussed in the British House of Commons, Mr. PITT, in one of the most eloquent speeches he ever delivered, animated upon the sentiments formerly entertained and expressed by Mr. Foster, and supported the propriety of the measure by the very arguments which that Gentleman had formerly urged, pointing out at the same time the inconsistency of his present conduct.

Since that period, Mr. Foster has not had any opportunity of speaking on the subject of Union, he however embraced the present, and, scarcely touching upon the question of Regency, directed his whole argument to the subject of Union, and in reply to Mr. Pitt in as direct terms as if both statesmen had been members of the same Senate. As the public will naturally be anxious to know the sentiments of this gentleman—who has taken so active a part against the Union, and how he reconciles that with his former opinions, we have therefore given the following copious detail:

Mr. HON. the SPEAKER. "Mr. Rochford—the Noble Lord who spoke last but one, on treating of the subject before the House, has introduced the question of an Union, and gone largely into the state of the connection subsisting between the two kingdoms, and as he stated, that out of the constitution of 1782, have sprung all those evils which are conjured up as arguments for resigning the powers of this Parliament, and the liberties of Ireland [hear! hear!] Sir, the Noble Lord has told you, that in quoting the opinion of Mr. Fox on the final adjustment in 1782, he has adduced the best documents of the spirit and meaning of that adjustment. He has told you (for this you may accept him by inference) that the addresses of the Parliament of Ireland, and the speeches of a Lord Lieutenant are no documents; and, Sir, I will be bold to say, that the Noble Lord is the first man who, standing in the situation of a Lord Lieutenant's Secretary, has presumed to say to the representative of his sovereign, 'My Lord, what you say, is not to be relied on, but the casual unauthorized publication of a debate in Parliament is the only genuine document.' I cannot refrain from noticing one expression, which fell from the Noble Lord. The Noble Lord has said, that those evils which he avers to result from a Legislative Union, have all arisen out of the adjustment of 1782; because (here let the Noble Lord correct me if I mistake his words) because until then the power had been acknowledged of Great Britain to bind Ireland. [Lord Castlereagh here in explanation, said, that the words he had used were, that Ireland had been until then in habits of obedience to the opinions of the British Cabinet.]—I protest, resumed the Speaker, the Noble Lord so exactly copies his prototype, Mr. Pitt, in a peculiar accuracy of expression, that I do not know what to make of his words one way or other. He professes to say, that the words he had used were not that Ireland had until then acknowledged the power of Great Britain to bind her, but that she had been in habits of obedience, &c. If those do not mean one and the same thing, I must learn instruction from some other exposition of the English language than I have yet a knowledge of [a general laugh]. Sir, that very adjustment arose out of the circumstance of the sister country binding Ireland, and the disavowing that power.—The complaints of the Irish Parliament on this subject were carried to the foot of the Throne, when in consequence the following message was received by the Parliament of Ireland from the then Lord Lieutenant, his Grace the Duke of Portland.

"I have it in command from his Majesty to inform this House, that his Majesty, being concerned to find that discontents and jealousies are prevailing among his loyal subjects of this country upon matters of great weight and importance, his Majesty recommends to this House to take the same into their most serious consideration, in order to such a final adjustment as may give mutual satisfaction to his kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland."

Here please to observe, Sir, that this message related to a final adjustment; and we have his Majesty's authority at a subsequent period, that this final adjustment was carried into execution. To this message, the Parliament of Ireland, thus encouraged, boldly stated the grievances of which they had to complain. Those grievances were—1st, that of Ireland being bound by laws made in Britain—2d, the appellate jurisdiction—3d, the existing of Poyning's law—4th, a mutiny bill not limited in point of duration. What was the language of the Irish Parliament in the address which enumerated those grievances? I will quote it from the records of your House:—

"Thus encouraged by his Royal interposition, we shall beg leave, with all duty and affection, to lay before his Majesty the cause of our discontents and jealousies; to assure his Majesty that his subjects of Ireland are a free people; that the Crown of Ireland is an Imperial Crown, inseparably annexed to the Crown of Great Britain, on which connection the interests and happiness of both nations essentially depend; but that the kingdom of Ireland is a distinct kingdom, with a Parliament of her own, the sole Legislature thereof. That there is no body of men competent to make laws to bind this nation, except the King, Lords, and Commons of Ireland; nor any other Parliament which hath authority or power, of any sort whatsoever, in this country, save only the Parliament of Ireland! To assure his Majesty that we humbly conceive, that in this right the very essence of our liberties exists; a right which we, on the part of all the people of Ireland, do claim as their birth-right, and which we cannot yield but with our lives."

Are those words, which the Noble Lord alludes to, words of no meaning? Does he suppose that they were spoken with no intent? Did Ireland here acknowledge the right of the British nation to bind her? I shall yet beg leave to trouble the Committee with another passage from this address—it goes on these words—

"To assure his Majesty that we have seen with concern, certain claims advanced by the Parliament of Great Britain in an act, entitled, 'An act for the better securing the depend-

ency of Ireland'—an act containing matter entirely irreconcilable to the fundamental rights of this nation. That we conceive this act, and the claim it advances, to be the great and principal cause of the discontents and jealousies in this kingdom."

Now, Sir, what was this act of dependency but in essence that very Union, which is now said to be the only remedy for discontent and jealousy, with this advantage to Ireland, that while she had a Parliament, she had the power of righting herself, which power, the Union recommended by the Noble Lord would take away for ever; and to show what was the general sense of Ireland on this subject, I refer the Noble Lord to the Journals of this House, where it is recorded by a division, when there appeared for the address 219—against it none—so that here is the document of Parliament to show the unanimous sense and feeling of this great and decisive constitutional measure—the final adjustment of 1782.

Sir, when this address went to England, it was laid before both Houses of the British Parliament, when both came to the resolution stated by the Noble Lord, and this resolution was entered into in consequence of the address of the Irish Parliament; and the great mistake, for I will call it only a mistake, with respect to this resolution, is so much dwelt on as pointing to the necessity of a Legislative Union, entertained both by Mr. Pitt and the Noble Lord is, that they assume this resolution to have passed subsequent to the final adjustment, whereas, in fact, it was entered into prior to that arrangement; and the introduction of a single word, I will not say intentionally, makes it appear to those who do not hold in remembrance the transactions that day, that the resolution followed the final adjustment, and debilitated it to have been inefficient to its intended purposes. The resolution, Sir, quoted so often by Mr. Pitt and by the Noble Lord, was carried into by the British Parliament on the 17th of May 1782, and was in the following words:

"That it is indispensable to the interest and happiness of both kingdoms, that the connection between them should be established by mutual consent, upon a solid and permanent footing; and that an humble address be presented to his Majesty, that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to take such measures as his Majesty in his royal wisdom shall think most conducive to that important end."

Now, Sir, a most material difference is formed by the introduction of the single word *further* preceding the word *measures* in this resolution. To the first address of the Parliament of Ireland to his Majesty after the recognition of its rights, what does his Majesty say?

"That he accepts with the most sensible satisfaction the affectionate acknowledgements of his Parliament of Ireland, for those arrangements, which he concurs with them in considering a perpetual pledge of amity, &c."

Will any man doubt that those expressions on the part of the Parliament of Ireland, the Chief Governor of Ireland, and their common and beloved sovereign, were not sincere and conclusive in their meaning? But if any doubt yet rested, after the authorities which I have quoted, that doubt must be removed by the speech of his Grace the Duke of Portland to Parliament, at the close of the session of July 1782. He says—

"The great and constitutional advantages you have secured to your country, and the wise and magnanimous conduct of Great Britain in contributing to the success of your steady and temperate exertions, call for my congratulations, at the close of a session which must ever reflect the highest honour on the national character of both kingdoms."

Was this language to be applied to a Parliament who were laying the foundation of those evils to their country complained of by the Noble Lord? In another part of the speech goes on to say—

"Your claims were directed by the same spirit that gave rise and stability to the liberties of Great Britain, and could not fail of success as soon as the Councils of that kingdom were influenced by the avowed friends of the constitution."

In the next paragraph his Grace continues—

"Such a spirit of constitutional liberty, communicating itself from one kingdom to another, must naturally produce that reciprocal confidence and mutual affection of which we already begin to feel the most salutary effects. A grateful zeal and generous ardour have united this whole kingdom in the most cordial and vigorous exertions, which promise effectually to frustrate the designs of our common enemy, and to re-establish and secure the glory of the whole empire."

Here is the opinion of his Grace of Portland, and through him of the Cabinet of Britain, on that political arrangement which now the Noble Lord and Mr. Pitt arraign as the source of jealousies, and as having within it the active principles of separation. But what does this speech still further say of the final adjustment of 1782?

"Convince the people in your several districts, as you are yourselves convinced, that every cause of party jealousies and discontents is finally removed, that both countries have pledged their good faith to each other, and that their best security will be an inviolable adherence to that compact—[hear! hear!]—convince them that the two kingdoms are now one, indivisibly connected in unity of constitution and unity of interests."

Could any expressions, Sir, be more explicit than these? or are we to be told by the Noble Lord and the British Minister that we are mere babies and do not understand the common language which we use? What does his Majesty say in his answer to an address of the Irish Parliament? His Majesty did say that no constitutional subject then remained to disturb the harmony subsisting between the two countries; yet we are told by the Minister of this day, that a final adjustment of the constitution of Ireland and its connection with Britain never entered into the contemplation of those Ministers! Sir, is it to be supposed that those Ministers—that the Duke of Portland—that even the Sacred Personage who forms one of the estates of Parliament, designed a deliberate fraud on the Parliament and people of Ireland?—Is it to be supposed that they held in reversion the measure of an Union to destroy that constitution which they had allied to form. [hear! hear!] Is it to be supposed that when a free constitution was offered to Ireland in 1782, that it was to be accompanied by a resolution intended to express its annihilation? A curious circumstance happened soon after that final settlement. Mr. Flood moved for leave to bring in a bill in this country, which was refused, because the constitution was considered to have been finally acknowledged. He then moved that the word *final* in the resolution of adjustment, be expunged from the journals of the House, which, on a division of a very full House, was also rejected—and thereby the term, as applicable to the constitution of this country, was established. In addition to all of those testimonies there was one other given—a day of public and solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God was appointed, and the hearts and eyes of millions of human beings were raised to Heaven in thankful adoration for the invaluable blessing of a free constitution. [hear! hear!] We call on the Deity to receive our thanks—we call upon Heaven to sanction our new-born constitution! And is it this constitution which we are called upon to sacrifice, to gratify the theoretical projects of any Minister? [hear! hear!]

Sir, I feel it almost impossible for me to refrain from expressing a deserved indignation, that a constitution which it was the pride of this nation to acquire—that this constitution should be sacrificed, and with it the

peace and prosperity of the country, to a theory which has every argument against it, and none for it but the subjugation of Ireland to the uncontrolled views of a British Minister—and which I trust will never be relished by Irishmen—[an enthusiastic cry of hear! hear! hear!]—It would be needless to recur to the several arguments, or rather assertions, used by Mr. Pitt, respecting the point of final adjustment—all who hear me I am sure must be of opinion with me, that never was there yet a great speech made by a great man, which contained so little matter; and if any thing could make me believe that the Noble Lord possesses less good sense and political talents than I am disposed to ascribe to him, it is the pains which he took to disseminate in this country such a paltry speech. I call it so—gentlemen may take notes of the expression; I see they are at it—but the part which relates to the final adjustment, is not the only weak and fallacious component of this weak and superficial structure of verbiage and sophistry. In relation to affixing the Great Seal of England to Irish acts of Parliament, a gentleman has tauntingly said, "Is this the independence boasted of?" I will say, it was in that day, to leave the Great Seal in the hands of a British Minister—by doing so we told the British nation we felt no inclination to separate, and that if we should pass a bill of any such tendency—such a bill could not pass into a law without the sanction of the British Ministry. But what did Ireland pledge herself to the connexion? Her act of independence was that pledge, for in that she allied the kingdom of Ireland to the Crown of Great Britain, not to the person of the King—[a cry of hear! hear! from the Treasury Bench.]

With respect to the advantages assumed by the advocates of an Union to our foreign commerce, Mr. Speaker quoted the navigation act, which he proved to communicate every freedom of trade which this country could desire. He then adverted to the period of the commercial propositions. In the address from both Parliaments preceding the session of 1795, it was stated that there were necessary regulations of commerce affecting the two countries, which had not been adjusted. Commercial arrangement were alone spoken of, and had there any measure of Constitution remained unsettled would Mr. P. who began his ministry soon after the final adjustment, and who was minister in 1785—would he have sat quietly when such an opportunity offered, of giving consideration to a constitutional question, if any had remained unsettled? But if any thing could more than another show that the constitutional connexion between the two countries was considered as finally settled, it is the unanimous address of the British Parliament on that occasion, moved by Mr. Pitt himself, and wherein are to be seen all those expressions, nearly word for word, which he now applies to the measure of an Union—wealth, consolidation, strength, glory, &c. &c. all were attached by him as necessary consequences of accepting the propositions, and now are shifted, but with very unhappy appropriation, to the measure of an Union.

I hope I may be pardoned if, departing for a moment from the subject before the Committee—I advert to the insinuations against my conduct, contained in a late speech of Mr. Pitt's on the subject of a Legislative Union.

I respect Mr. Pitt as an English minister, and give him credit for his financial talents;—but, as to the Irish nation, he is the worst minister it ever heard of—and nothing but the utmost rashness could induce the man to disturb this country at such a period, by the introduction of a measure which he must have been conscious could not have been received or treated of, without the most alarming war of feeling. The charges against me contained in that speech must, if I could feel flattered by such a circumstance, have flattered me; for, in a speech which occupied upwards of three hours, more than one third of it makes me the subject, and is taken up with, I will not say designed, misrepresentations of what has been publicly said by me on different occasions, but particularly in the debate on the Commercial Propositions in 1785. [Here Mr. Speaker corrected the several misrepresentations.]

Sir, what I said first and last was, that not a line in the commercial propositions touched your constitution, but misrepresentation has said that I valued your final adjustment so lightly that I was ready for a trifle to relinquish it for ever. In comparing the documents on the journals of the House, we have his Majesty's acknowledgements that the constitution of Ireland was perfectly established by the adjustment of 1782. But what says Mr. Pitt? "His Majesty knows nothing of the matter!"—His Majesty has received it as a pledge of mutual and perpetual amity between the two countries—but what says Mr. Pitt? "It shall not be perpetual!"—We bound ourselves to maintain harmony with Great Britain; but what says Mr. Pitt? "I will disturb that harmony!"—The Duke of Portland has told us repeatedly, that the constitution of 82 was a final adjustment; but what says Mr. Pitt? "My Lord Duke, you are a child; you know nothing about the matter; you know nothing—the King knows nothing; the Parliament knows nothing—but now that I am in office I will show you that the constitution of Ireland and final adjustment mean nothing!"—The Duke of Portland has told you, that all causes of jealousy are removed; that both countries have pledged their good faith to each other; and that their best security will be an inviolable adherence to that compact. Mr. Pitt tells you that no such compact was ever made!—with equal propriety, should he sacrifice our constitution to his project of an Union; might he at a future period, make light of every article of that Union, and say there had been no compact whatever. Sir, it is no wonder that the British Minister should seek to get over the constitution of 82, by it we have acquired that free and perfect liberty which constitutes the happiness and prosperity of nations, and he should make us believe that the particular system, from whence those advantages proceed, does not exist at all, before he can reconcile us to his theory of an Union. Mr. Pitt has taken some trouble in quoting me, now permit me to quote a little of Mr. Pitt. In 1785, when introducing the commercial propositions, he bears this testimony to that final adjustment, which he would have us believe never had any existence.

"A vast deal has been already done by the Parliament of Ireland; the present plan is only a necessary supplement to that formerly adopted, and merely going to secure the commerce of the two countries on a settled and permanent footing."

So, the measures of 1785 were acknowledged by him to have been but a necessary supplement to those of 1782; the one having been wholly commercial, the other wholly constitutional. Further, in his introduction of the propositions, he says,

"Among all the objects of my political life, there has not occurred any which, in the same degree with this, could call forth the feelings of my heart."

Here the language which he applies to the measure

of 1785 is expressed in almost the same words as those which he applies to the Union in 1799. I only wish if they were, we would not have seen them then uttered as it had been with his mad and destructive projects; and if he had observed the same consistency that I have done, you would not have heard of this ruinous measure.

Now, Sir, with regard to the charge of inconsistency made against me by Mr. Pitt. It is advanced by him that I laid on treating of the commercial propositions, talking of commerce, and it was extreme wit of course to say I was talking of constitution. Mr. Pitt seems to forget that by the navigation act as trade of Britain; but the British Government has given to a company of merchants a monopoly of trade beyond the Cape of Good Hope and the Straits of Magellan; that charter, however, would have been no restriction to Ireland if he had chosen to avail himself of the right which were her's, but what did he do? By a vote of the British Government by shutting herself out from more than half of the navigable world.

From the period of 1782 to the present, there has not arisen with the Parliament of this country any political shock or concussion, save this deplorable one—the fatal project of Mr. Pitt, to which various objects were assigned, but the real one is that Mr. Pitt finds that 300 Irish Gentlemen, forming an Irish resident Parliament, hold the purse of the nation too fast in their hands, for him to dispose of it as he pleases—[hear! hear!]

The Noble Lord says, a difference may arise on the subject of peace or war which might prove dangerous to the connexion between Great Britain and Ireland, and he should recollect that it is the peculiar and sole prerogative of the Crown to declare war and to conclude peace, without consulting the Parliament of either country.

In regard to foreign treaties, is there an influence to be adduced in which the Parliament of Ireland has refused to ratify the treaties entered into by Great Britain? Are we then, on the speculative presumption that a thing may happen, which from experience of many years we know has not happened, that we are to relinquish our Constitution and our liberties? The case of a regency, for which the bill now before you provides, is the only one which has ever furnished a shadow of pretence for the fears expressed by the Noble Lord.

Theory, Sir, it is scarcely necessary to say, is not a good monitor as facts. Is there a single principle theory can suggest for uniting the two Legislatures, that does not exist for uniting the three estates of Parliament into one? The fear of discordancy as well applies to the one case as to the other. Who would be justified in setting such a doctrine afloat? The balancing principle in the British constitution creates its perfection, and why may not the same principle apply to the two Legislatures under the one Crown, that being thus guarded by one common head, they may perform their national and imperial functions better and more effectually than if divided? Sir, it is not in human nature to effect a system more calculated to impart political happiness than ours. If you sacrifice this constitution to the projects of speculative ambition, or through the insatiation of any motives whatever, your children will curse you, and posterity execrate the memory of men who could feel so little regard for the happiness of posterity.

Now, Sir, I will examine some of the reasons advanced in favour of an Union. How is this country to be benefited by removing from it its Parliament, the natural protection of its manufactures, trade, and agriculture? One of the principal arguments is, that the wealth of Great Britain will be diffused through Ireland, and her manufacturers come hither with their capital. The four principal manufactures of Great Britain are the iron, pottery, woollen, and cotton. Will any man of common sense believe that the three first, which so much depend upon a plenty of fuel, will be removed from a country where that article is so abundant, to a country where there is no fuel. Nor is this objection less applicable to the cotton manufacture, which in England is carried to the great perfection it is by machinery, which is worked by steam, that steam being also produced by fuel. Now, Sir, suppose a British merchant, desirous of removing his capital to this country in consequence of the asserted advantages which it would derive from an Union;—let us suppose he was on Mr. Pitt, and asks him, "Sir, I am at present in a flourishing trade, and the Irish come to purchase my manufactures—what inducements are there for me to remove to that country?"—"O! says Mr. Pitt, very many inducements—the Union will give you many that I cannot enumerate them."—"Will it give me protecting duties?"—"O! no, the 6th article might inform you on that head."—"Will it secure me for any particular time?"—"No, replies Mr. Pitt, but it removes the Parliament." The Englishman who feels attached to his Parliament, and experiences the benefits resulting from a resident one, is immediately determined from this circumstance, and he says, "No—I will go to Ireland, but if you remove thither to the English Parliament, I will then go, for where the Parliament is, there should the manufacturer be also." He next went into a minute and detailed calculation on the import and export trade of England and Ireland.

He next adverted to the argument of tranquillization held out by the advocates of the Union, and showed that it was only by a resident Parliament having local knowledge of the state of the kingdom, and an immediate interest in the welfare of its people, that tranquillity could be re-established and secured: He showed how an Union would increase the number of abuses, and the evils to result therefrom. The disproportion of 100 Irish members to 558 English, and the obvious consequences, he pointed out, and displayed the services rendered to the country and to the imperial connection by the Irish Parliament, in tracing the late conspiracy and rebellion in their progress, step by step, and their final suppression of it, all which could not possibly have been effected by a Parliament resident in Great Britain—and was it for those services, he asked, that the Irish Parliament was to undergo almost a species of total transportation? He said, that if he were to fix on one place more than another, to be injured by an Union, it would be the city of Cork. On the example Scotland held out to this country, he observed, that, during the period of the Scotch Union to the year 1782, the exports of Ireland exceeded those of Scotland as five to one, yet we were desired to follow her example. He also by calculations proved, that, since Ireland obtained the Constitution of 1782, her exports had arisen in the ratio of one to ten, while those of England had arisen in

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the same period of time only in the ratio of one to four. He next adverted to the possibility of the Crown appointing Sheriffs who would make partial returns at elections, in which case Great Britain might have returned to the United Parliament what men she pleased, as the expense of an appeal to Parliament would be such as no prudent man would be willing to incur. He concluded with the following apostrophe: "If I could address all descriptions of Irishmen of every religious persuasion, it would be in these words—'Your country is in danger! your constitution and liberties are in danger! Unite and preserve them!—Tell the Minister he shall not take them from you—tell him, you will not be their dependants, nor submit to the disgrace of being annihilated as a nation, for that were to be annihilated as men! above all things, make no change that you cannot correct from experience—make no political concession that you cannot revoke. If you submit to an Union, and find it, what it surely would be, the gulf of your happiness and your liberties, you would have no alternative but the desperate one of arms. If, then, the British Minister comes again to tell you for your constitution, tell him it has been the source of unexampled prosperity and political happiness for you, and that if you give it up, yourselves and your country are lost for ever. Keep your Parliament while you have it—it has done its duty—it has been found competent to the advantages of peace, and the suppression of rebellion. If the Minister asks for it, refuse him with respect and calmness. If he should attempt to take it, REMEMBER YOU HAVE A COUNTRY—AND DEFEND IT.'"

He spoke four hours and 20 minutes.

Lord CASTLEREAGH replied in a manner fully according with his very distinguished talents, and the Right Hon. the SPEAKER rejoined. Mr GEORGE PONSOMBY followed, in a speech of considerable length, and accustomed ability—and a debate ensued, which related wholly to the subject of an Union, and in which a variety of members spoke; at length the question was put on Mr Fitzgerald's first amendment, and carried without a division. He was then proceeding to move the other amendments, when the ATTORNEY GENERAL signified the necessity of the Chairman's reporting progress at such an advanced hour.—To this Mr F. assented, and Mr ROBERT HODGSON CAVE, who resigned, and obtained leave to sit again on Saturday—the House resumed, and adjourned at half past four o'clock morning.

WAR-OFFICE, April 16. 1799.

Calithens Volunteers.
George Sutherland, Esq. to be Captain. John Sinclair to be Second Lieutenant. Murdoch Campbell to be Second Lieutenant. James Gun to be Second Lieutenant.

Dundee Volunteers.
Captain Patrick Stirling to be Major, vice Duff, who resigns. Second Lieutenant Andrew Mackenzie to be Captain, vice Stirling. Second Lieutenant William Webster to be First Lieutenant, vice Mackenzie. Adjutant Charles Adam to be Second Lieutenant, vice Webster.

Edinburgh Volunteers.
Lieutenant of the 4th Regiment of the Royal Edinburgh Volunteers Alexander Monypenny to be Ensign, vice Reid, who resigns.

Royal Edinburgh Volunteer Artillery.
Second Lieutenant William Baillie to be First Lieutenant, vice Robert Hodgson Cave, who resigns. John Irving to be Second Lieutenant, vice Baillie.

Northern Militia Volunteers.
William Christian, sen. Esq. to be Captain. William Christian, jun. to be Lieutenant. John Keighin to be Ensign.

London

APRIL 16.

By the Juliana, which arrived on Sunday at Dover with dispatches from New-York, American papers have been received. A supplement to The Mercantile Advertiser of the 13th of March, gives an account of very serious disturbances, and alludes to others of which we are yet ignorant. The French party is acquiring strength in the United States, but we are unable to guess the cause of this change, so unexpected as it must be at a moment when the Directory have rendered themselves odious in the eyes of every wife and unprejudiced friend of liberty.

The following notice was yesterday exhibited at the Coal Exchange:—"Coal Exchange, half past two o'clock. Two hundred and fifteen colliers arrived—about thirty-three lost in the late gales. Price in the Col. Newcastle, 47s. to 52s. 6d.—Sunderland, 46s. 5s. per chaldron."

DISBANDED REGIMENT.

The following brigade orders were yesterday issued on the parade, in St James's Park:—

"MONDAY, April 15.

In consequence of communications from Adjutant-General, Field Marshal his Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester orders the following letter to be inserted in the brigade orders.

"SIR,

I have received the Commander in Chief's directions to transmit to you the King's pleasure in regard to the 5th or Royal Irish Regiment of Dragoons, which it is his Royal Highness the Commander in Chief's desire that you shall, without delay, carry into execution.

His Majesty has taken it into his most serious consideration the representation which has been made by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, of the conduct of this regiment, and is of opinion, that the insubordination and departure from the discipline and principles which have ever distinguished the British army, therein exhibited, required, especially in these times of warfare and exertion, that they should be marked by a punishment which may be severely felt, and not only remembered by those misguided persons who have been guilty of the atrocious acts of disobedience, which have brought this odious stigma on the corps, but may serve as an example to all others as to the consequences of such seditious and outrageous proceedings, and of his Majesty's firm determination to maintain subordination and discipline in his army, and to support the authority of his officers in the execution of their duty.

It is on these grounds his Majesty's Royal determination, that the 5th, or Royal Irish Regiment of Dragoons, shall be forthwith disbanded, which you will please to communicate to the corps, and carry it into immediate effect. At the same time that the King judges it requisite for the service to make these severe examples, his Majesty has graciously condescended to direct, that General Lord Rossmore shall be assured that his Majesty is persuaded of the concern which, as a soldier, his Lordship would feel at such a circumstance occurring in any part of the army, and is sensible of the particular mortification he must experience, in the present instance, from the event; from which, however, his Lordship cannot, in the smallest degree, suffer in his Majesty's estimation. His Majesty has been graciously pleased further to direct, that you do express this persuasion, that there are many valuable Officers in his regiment, who have used their best endeavours to restore the order, and preserve the credit of the corps; and though, in this measure of indispensable severity, it was impossible to make any exceptions, the majority being clearly implicated in the misconduct in which the whole are suffering, yet his Majesty will hereafter make the most pointed discrimination, and those of any rank which are deserving of the Royal favour, may rely on his Majesty's disposition to attend to their merit, and to avail himself of their future services.

In consideration of the expense which the officers of the 5th, or Royal Irish Regiment, have been unavoidably exposed to, his Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct, that their full pay shall be continued to them to the 24th December next, at which period they will be placed on half-pay.

I have the honour to be, &c.

HENRY CALVERT, Adj-Gen. &c."

LEGHORN—March 30.

A Danish vessel entered our port on the 15th, after a passage of 29 days from Alexandria. On board of it were the crews of 17 vessels, which had been intercepted by Captain Tiowbridge. Of these 17 vessels, six were Danish and three Swedish; the others were Greek or Ragusan. The crews have brought authentic intelligence respecting Egypt. The French army is in quiet possession thereof, and the organization of the interior proceeds in a rapid manner. The principal object of it is to prevail on the inhabitants to concur with the French in the defence of the country against the Turks. The army is not in want of any thing necessary to its subsistence, for the industry of the French finds many resources with which the stupid natives were previously unacquainted.

LONDON—APRIL 17.

Yesterday and this day, no business of importance came before the House of Parliament.

FROM THE HAMBURG MAIL.

VIENNA—March 30.

[FROM THE COURT GAZETTE.]

According to accounts received from the army in Italy, under the command of Field-Marshal Lieutenant Kray, the enemy in that country has drawn together his force, apparently to make an attack on Verona, and the Valley of Adige, or the right wing of our army; in consequence of which Lieut.-Gen. Kray took possession of the camp already prepared on the Adige, with the army concentrated between the Brenta and the Adige, in order to be in readiness to receive their attack.

TYROL—March 29.

The French have obtained some new advantages in the Tyrol, of which the following are the more particular accounts:

INSBRUCK—MARCH 28.

The 8000 French who passed the Joch near Martinbruck, in the night between the 25th and 26th inst. have overpowered the corps of General Laudohn, and on the 26th took Colonel Kniefwick and 2000 men prisoners. They now threaten the Upper Isenthal and the Vinschgau. It is hoped that General Hotze will make a motion with his corps from Hohen Ems to take the enemy in the rear.

On the 26th, at seven in the evening the Governor of the Tyrol, Count Vilsenegg, published a proclamation to call out the general levy of the country en masse, which yesterday began to assemble in arms from every side.

UPPER RHINE—April 2.

The report which was circulated with a number of circumstances, that on the 28th of March another bloody battle had taken place between the Archduke Charles and General Jourdan, is unfounded.

After the battle near Tullingen and Stockach, which lasted from the 25th to the night of the 26th, the left wing under General St Cyr, and the centre of the army of General Jourdan, retreated to the Black Forest, in the direction of Kehl; and the right wing under General Ferino towards Schaffhausen, in Switzerland, without any new battle taking place up to the 28th, except some skirmishes between the van and rear guards.

STOCKACH—March 28.

OFFICIAL ACCOUNT.

OF THE ARCHDUKE CHARLES, OF THE ACTION OF THE 25TH AND 26TH OF MARCH.

On the 24th of March I caused the army to march from Pfullendorf, and take possession of the camp before Stockach. The right wing was posted on the heights of Malsbain, towards Nellenburg; the left from the toll-bridge towards Wallenweis; and three battalions of Lascy from the left wing were posted to cover the same on the heights of Erplingen. My advanced posts extended to Steiflingen, Aigelbringen, and to the heights of Liptingen, near which later Major-General Count Meerfeldt took three pieces of cannon, and a number of prisoners.

On the 25th, at break of day, General Jourdan attacked my advanced posts with great violence, after having received reinforcements on the right wing from Switzerland, and on the left from the Danube. The enemy advanced in three columns—one along the road from Singen to Steiflingen; another on the road from Engen by Ach; and the third along the road from Tullingen by Liptingen. The principal force was directed against our right wing. Major-General Count Meerfeldt, whose advanced guard I had reinforced the day before, was in consequence obliged to retreat with a part of his troops to the wood between Liptingen, and Stockach.

The enemy pursued General Meerfeldt into the wood with so much activity, that in a few hours he was forced to its extremity, though it extends a whole German mile. The intention of the enemy was evidently to turn our position, to effect which he left nothing unattempted. From five in the morning till two in the afternoon the enemy had the advantage, pressing on with three divisions from his left wing. Notwithstanding I detached some battalions of infantry from my left wing to reinforce the right, it would not have been possible, had it not been for the determined bravery of some regiments of infantry, to force the enemy, who made the most obstinate resistance, to retreat a short way within the wood. About two o'clock, however, the enemy, though he frequently rallied, and fought with the greatest bravery, was obliged to give way, and entirely driven out of the wood. In the course of this attack, the Field Marshal Lieutenant Prince of Furstenberg fell. Major-General Stuppfe, who took the command after him, exerted himself with the greatest bravery. Field-Marshal Lieutenant the Prince of Anhalt Cotten alighted from his horse, and put himself at the head of the second battalion of infantry, and led them on to the attack. When the grenadiers came out of the wood, I caused them to march off under the command of Field-Marshal Lieutenant Count Kollowrath, supported by the regiments of Nassau and Mack.

During the firing off of our grenadiers, the French carabineers made an attack on them, but were received and repulsed by the regiments of Nassau and Mack; after which the French infantry were attacked and driven back by our grenadiers; nearly half a brigade was taken prisoners, and a piece of cannon taken by our cavalry. On this occasion Field Marshal Lieutenant Count Ricthi greatly distinguished himself at the head of the cavalry.

The enemy was now obliged to retreat to Liptingen, but could not be pursued any farther, on account of night coming on. The defeat which the enemy suffered on his left wing, and the repeated fruitless attacks made by his right on my left, compelled him to make this retreat. On my left wing, Field Marshal Lieutenant Count Nauendorf and Major General the Prince of

Schwartzenberg and Count Ginlay especially distinguished themselves.

In the night the enemy retreated on his right wing by Ortingen and Eingen, and then by Hitzingen; and on his left wing by Tullingen, even to beyond the Danube. According to accounts that have been received, the right wing of the French has retreated to Schaffhausen.—Field Marshal Lieutenant Stander commanded the left wing of our army. I shall communicate, as soon as possible, more circumstantial details, as also the names of such officers and regiments as have especially signalized themselves.

RASTADT—March 30.

The French Ministers have received dispatches from General Jourdan, containing an account of the battle on the 25th near Tullingen, from which the following is an extract:

Head-quarters at Villingen, March 27.

General Jourdan a second time attacked the army of the Archduke Charles, which had taken a position between Tullingen and Stockach. His advanced guard, which was at Tullingen, at first was beaten and put to the route; the action afterwards became extremely warm. The enemy were continually receiving fresh troops, and the battle lasted till night, with the greatest obstinacy on both sides. Although oppressed by infinitely superior numbers, we did not lose any ground, and we slept upon the field of battle, in the presence of the enemy. We have taken above 5000 prisoners (great part of which are officers) in this affair and that of Ofenbach. Thus it may be seen, that I am far from considering myself to have been beaten. I shall, however, add, that having caused the Archduke's army to be turned by a column which I had sent towards Maelkirch, and by two others who were marching by the rear of Stockach, while I attacked in front, this day would have produced incalculable consequences, if a charge of cavalry had been made at the moment I commanded it. One part of the enemy's army would have been destroyed; this depended upon seizing one favourable moment.

CORN EXCHANGE, April 15.

| English Wheat, | 38 1/2 | Oats, | 38 1/2 |
|----------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Barley, | 30 1/2 | Meat, | 26 1/2 |
| Suffolk, | 30 1/2 | Meat, | 26 1/2 |
| Fine Flour, | 48 1/2 | Fine, | 29 1/2 |

STOCKS.

This day, (April 17) at twelve o'clock—3 per cent. red. — 3 per cent. con. 54 1/2

Caledonian Mercury.

EDINBURGH—APRIL 20.

Paris papers to the 9th instant arrived in London on Monday, which were brought in a cartel from Gravesend.

These furnish less information than usual respecting the military operations on the continent, and the reason is obvious; for it clearly appears from the little that is said, that JOURDAN's army has been forced to abandon all the strong positions which the country of Suabia affords, and the retreat of all the divisions of his army that crossed the Rhine is general. JOURDAN is himself arrived at Strasburg, having been recalled to Paris by the Directory, probably to be displaced, if not disgraced. His army, composing the centre division, was on the 29th ultimo at Homburg, in full march towards Kehl, the head quarters being still further back, at Gengenbach; the left wing, lately commanded by St Cyr, was on the 27th at Oberndorf; and the right wing, commanded by FERINO, which former Paris papers stated to have been detached to re-enforce MASSENA, appears to be in full retreat through the Forest Towns towards Balle, pursuing the same route as MOREAU did in the year 1796. The Propagateur of the 8th instant frankly confesses, "that each column of the grand army is retracing the same ground it took in advancing towards the Lake of Constance, and that the head quarters are expected to be removed to Strasburg."

The report of the capture of Beldkirch by the army of MASSENA, proves to be in every respect false; and it is not a little curious that the French should throw the propagation of this lie on the Helvetic Directory.

The Moniteur of the 8th mentions that the French have entered Leghorn and Florence, and that the Grand Duke of TUSCANY has retired to Vienna. The English who were at Leghorn had previously embarked with their effects on board a fleet of merchantmen, which had arrived a few days before, but had only landed a small part of their cargo, in consequence of the critical situation of affairs.

The following article is copied from the Propagateur of the 8th. It is the more curious, as we have not seen the word PEACE mentioned in any Paris Journals for many months past—"They talk of a plan for a general peace which Prussia is about to transmit to Paris."

An article from Brest, states that the Minister of Marine is using every expedient to encourage the exertions making in that port to send an armament to sea. For this purpose, he has promised, that the sailors should be paid one-third of the value of all the fruits of their victories, as soon as they return to port.

MASSENA, in a letter from Zurich, of the 30th ult. is stated to have possessed himself of Constance, on the lake about 35 miles distant from Rheineck, where he had his head-quarters on the 28th, while a column of his forces pushed on towards Schaffhausen, an important post on the frontiers of Switzerland, upwards of 30 miles from Constance, for the purpose, most probably of meeting the right wing of JOURDAN's army, which has been detached by him to form a junction with the Army of Helvetia. From these movements, it is suggested, that the enemy have formed a design of attacking the right flank and rear of PRINCE CHARLES.

One Hamburg mail is arrived.—See the contents, in the preceding column.

Mr PITT, it is said, defers the loan till the middle of May, when he will have pretty good information on the Income tax, which is expected to net 15 millions. The budget, it is said, will be 18 or 20 millions, including a large subsidy.

The Shropshire Militia were reviewed yesterday on Burntsfield Links, by Major-General Vyse. This fine regiment went through their manœuvres with a promptness, alacrity, and steadiness, that did them the greatest honour.

Thursday last, the Royal Kilmarnock Volunteers, commanded by Capt. PARKER, were inspected by Lord DOUGLAS, who was pleased to express his highest approbation of their military appearance.

On Saturday the 13th inst. the Lochaber regiment quartered at Falkirk, commanded by Col. DONALD

CAMERON of Lochiel, was inspected by Major-General VYSE, approved and passed, being more than complete.

The Vrandehap, PAUL EVANS, master, out 21 days from London for Edinburgh, with sugar and coffee, put into Aberdeen on Saturday the 6th. They had been beating about in the North Seas all that time, and saw many calks, packages, and pieces of vessels, floating about; double the remains of some unfortunate ships.

A most malignant and invidious attempt has of late been made to arraign the character of a gentleman who stands high in the East India direction, as well as materially to affect the interests of his relatives, but the malevolent purpose, though artfully planned, is now frustrated to the conviction of the public eye, while the respectable character of Mr. DAVID SCOTT stands forth distinguished as to place him beyond the power of malevolence to reach.

ROBERT WHITWORTH, Esq. the celebrated engineer, whose death we mentioned formerly, died in consequence of a mortification in one of his feet, produced by wet and cold during the late severe storm.

Price of the best oatmeal at 13d. a peck.

DIED.

Upon the 17th instant, BENTLEY GORDON BENTLEY, Esq. Hill Street, Edinburgh.

At Kilmarnock, on Monday the 8th current, MRS CATHERINE EDGAR, wife of Mr Robert Baillie.

At Dean-Bank, on Wednesday last, aged six, HUGH ROSE, son of James Rose, writer in Edinburgh.

At Edinburgh, on the 14th inst. CHARLES DALRYMPLE, Esq. of North Berwick.—And, on the 17th, MRS MARGARET DOUGLAS, his wife.

At Edinburgh, on the 14th inst. MARGARET SCOTT, Esq. writer to the signet.

LLOYD'S MARINE LIST—April 16.

LE Marsouin lugger privateer, is taken by the Astræa frigate, and arrived at Portsmouth.

The American ship Polly, loaded with salt and bale goods, has been taken by the French, retaken by the Dolphin privateer, and carried into Jersey.

The Betsey, Bulley, and the Amity, Wood, from Figueira to Newfoundland, are captured. The Captains landed at Torbay.

The Amity, from London to Plymouth, is lost on the coast of Ireland.

The Amity, Rooke, from Guernsey to Belfast, is taken and carried into St Maloes.

The Ann, (of Whitby), Latham, coal loaded, foundered off Whitby. Crew saved.

The Bernard, Brockman, from Bremen to Surinam, is lost near Harlingen.

The Cornbrook, Stephens, from Gallipoli to London, is taken by a privateer off the coast of Portugal.

The Susannah, Gardner, (a captured ship), from London to Liverpool, is lost near Donaghadee.

The Peggy, Rowe, from Dartmouth to Newfoundland, foundered at sea.—Crew saved.

The Brilliant, Lacey, from London, is taken near St Michael's, and sent for France.

The Nord Stern, from Stockholm to Lisbon, is lost near Dublin.

The Lucy, Long, from Padstow to Leghorn, is taken and carried into Genoa.

The Commerce, Ritchie, from Clyde to Trinidad, is captured.

The Hamilton, Norval, from Savannah to Jamaica, is lost on the Canaries.

Captures by the French.

From French papers received the 9th April.

The Anna, Portuguese brig, laden with coal, sent into Vigo.

The Hoffnung, a sloop, laden with sail cloth, free masts, &c, sent into Ostend.

The Rover of Corves, (supposed Cowra) sent into Calais.

The Ham, a sloop, in ballast, carried into Boulogne.

WINDS AT SEAS.

April 12.—S. W.—13 N. N. E.—1 dista. blows hard—15 E. S. E.

MAILS.

Arrived—Ireland, 5.—Hamburg, 1.—Lisbon, 2.

Due—Ireland 4.—Hamburg 6.

HADDINGTON, April 19.

| Wheat, | Barley, | Oats, | Pease, | Beans, |
|---------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| First 33s 6d | 24s 6d | 19s 6d | 14s 6d | 14s 6d |
| Second 30s 6d | 19s 6d | 17s 6d | 13s 6d | 13s 6d |
| Third 24s 6d | 17s 6d | 15s 6d | 12s 6d | 12s 6d |

MISS BIGGS most respectfully informs the Nobility, Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Public in general, that her Benefit is fixed for

MONDAY, April 22, 1799.

On which occasion will be presented the much admired

OPERA OF

THE D.U.E.N.N.A.

OR, THE DOUBLE ELOPEMENT.

To which will be added a Farce, called

THE MOGUL TALE.

Tickets and places for the Boxes to be had at the Box-Office of the Theatre, and of Miss BIGGS, No. 2, High Terrace, Leith Street.

BUILDING AREAS.

In Blair Street and Robertson's Close.

To be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the High Judiciary Court Room, on Wednesday the 8th day of May next, at five o'clock afternoon.

THE VACANT AREA on the west side of Blair Street, containing in whole about 123 feet in front along Blair Street, extending on the north end, and next to the tenement built by Mr Thomas Hay, surgeon, west to Stevenson's Close, and comprehending a Tenement entering from said Close, and the remainder being about forty-five feet deep, and bounded on the south by the tenement built by Mr William Jameson, mason, and Bruce's Land.

If the above area does not sell in one lot, it will be divided into the three following lots—viz.

LOT I.—That PART of said AREA lying next to the tenement built by the said Mr Thomas Hay, by which it is bounded on the north, consisting of about forty feet eight inches in front along Blair Street, and extending in depth all the way west to Stevenson's Close, and comprehending therein the Tenement above mentioned, entering from said Close, by which it is bounded on the west, and by lot 2d, after designed, on the south.

LOT II.—That PART of said AREA lying immediately to the south of lot 1st, consisting of about forty feet eight inches in front along Blair Street, and about forty-five feet deep, and bounded by lot 1st, above described, on the north, and lot 3d, after mentioned, on the south.

LOT III.—Being the remaining Part of said AREA, lying immediately to the south of Lot 2d, and bounded by said Lot on the north, and by the tenement built by Mr Jameson, and Bruce's Land on the South, consisting also of about 45 feet 8 inches in front along Blair Street, and about 45 feet deep.

AS ALSO.

To be Sold at the same time and place,

That Large AREA, lying on the west side of Robertson's Close, opposite to the Royal Infirmary, and between Auchterlony's Land, next College Street on the south, and Aitken's Land next to the Cowgate, on the north, with the Materials of the Old Houses standing thereon, consisting of about 110 feet 6 inches, from south to north, and part of it being about 30 feet, and the remainder about 27 feet in depth from east to west, as laid down on a plan thereof.

This Area also, if not sold in whole, will be exposed in the two following Lots, viz.

LOT I.—The Southmost Part of said AREA, bounded by Auchterlony's Land on the south, and Lot 2d, after described, on the north, consisting, as delineated on the before mentioned plan, of about 42 feet in length of front to Robertson's Close, and about 30 feet in depth.

LOT II.—The remaining part of said AREA, bounded by Lot 1st on the south, and Aitken's Land on the north, consisting of about 68 feet 6 inches in length, and about 27 feet deep, also as delineated on the before-mentioned plan.

The purchasers of each of these two last mentioned Lots will have right to the houses and buildings now standing thereon respectively.

The Plan of the Area in Robertson's Close, which would make a most eligible situation for a Manufacturer, with the Articles of Roup of the whole, lie in the hands of Alexander Cunningham, writer to the signet, where they may be seen, and who will give such further information of particulars as may be wanted by intending purchasers.

SOUTHERN REGIMENT OF SCOTS FENCIBLES.
ADDRESS FROM THEIR
COLONEL, THE EARL OF HOPETOUN.

To the OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, MUSICIANS, DRUMMERS, and PRIVATES of the late REGIMENT OF SOUTHERN SCOTS FENCIBLES.

HOPETOUN HOUSE, April 13, 1799.

General—Fellow Soldiers and Fellow Countrymen,
HAY, at the call of your Sovereign, and by my invitation, come forth, as you have done, for the defence of our KING, COUNTRY, CONSTITUTION, and LAWS, we were, by order of his Majesty, and in obedience thereto, (our services being happily no longer needed) Disbanded, on the 12th April 1799—a day ever memorable for one of the most glorious Victories ever won by the British Fleet, commanded by that celebrated Officer the late Lord KILGOWIE, on the 22nd April 1798, and discharged in the very place, in the Royal Palace Yard of Linlithgow, where you first met to take up arms, in April 1793—There you have laid them down, in April 1799, in obedience to your duty, and in fulfilment of the engagement of the Government, who have now thought it unnecessary to require your services longer as Fencibles. You return into the body of the People, with the approbation of your Sovereign, expressed in the most gracious terms in his Majesty's Thanks, conveyed by his Royal Highness the Duke of York, and the Commander in Chief in Scotland, for your constant good behaviour as Soldiers, and, for the good order and discipline you have observed during the whole of your service. The Regiment has existed, which you received with that glow of Loyalty which has ever warmed the hearts of every individual of the Regiment—You have, wherever you have been, merited and obtained the approbation of the Magistrate and people for your orderly conduct—You have received, for the regularity and discipline you have observed, and for that attachment which you have uniformly showed to them, expressed by you in the most affectionate manner before our separation, which imprints the most pleasing and lasting recollection on the minds of every one of us, being the fruit of your satisfaction, and the strongest mark of your regard, not less on our side, and most honourable to us all.

As your Colonel, Chief of the Regiment, who first called you together, I have witnessed your separation; and I have ever held the tenderest regard for the property of your Country, with the comfort of individuals. Having no other means of communication with you now dispersed, I take this public method, in justice to you, and to my own feelings, again to address to you my most sincere and grateful Thanks for your good conduct during the six years you have been embodied, repeating, that I shall retain the most pleasing sense of it to the last hour of my life, and of those instances of zeal you showed, whenever called on active service, earnest of what you would have done, had the enemy dared to invade our Native Land.

A Zeal and Loyalty for King and Country, I trust, you will ever maintain, and bring forth when need requires; recommending to you in the most earnest manner, to preserve in private life, the same sentiments of Loyalty and Love of your Country, with zeal for the support of the Civil Magistrate and the Law of the Land, the Federation of our invaluable Constitution, you have ever demonstrated by that determined opposition to all invaders of our inalienable privileges as British Subjects, which have animated you from the beginning to the present day—Recommending also, that, in every situation, you will contribute your example and efforts for the preservation of Peace and Good Order, and Obedience to the Laws, the strongest proofs of zeal we can give; and the best means for which are, "To be in all things well ordered" as I right, holding fast the good faith, even the faith of the "Lord Jesus Christ," considering our Christian Privileges as the highest, and good conduct as men and Christians, the surest way to obtain happiness in this life, and in that which is to come, as it is most conducive to our real and best interests—in these principles remain steadfast and unshaken, not led about by vain winds of Doctrine, of the foolish words of wicked deceivers either Religious or Political, framing new and hollow inventions, propagating new theories and maxims, destructive of all Religion and Good Order in Society, particularly of our blessed Protestant Christianity, and of our Glorious Constitution and Civil Liberty, not enjoyed by any other people, but the envy of all other Nations, and the pride of our old and inveterate enemies the French, now hoping, by the delusion of some amongst ourselves, and the influence of Traitors, to overturn both, and to ruin the unexampled prosperity of this happy Nation, and the comfort of the people.

Now, as a last proof of my never ceasing gratitude and attachment, accept my best wishes, that you and your families may every one enjoy as much prosperity as is for your good and comfort in this life, and attain to eternal glory and happiness in that to come, by the Grace of God, and through the Merits of our Blessed Redeemer, being the fervent prayer of your late Colonel, and constant friend and well-wisher.

Signed, JOHNSTONE HOPETOUN.

ARRIVED AT LEITH.

April 18. Ann Increase, Brown, from Dunbar, grain; Margaret, Inverarity, from Greenock, goods; Good Intent, Reid, from do. do.; Diligence, Brodie, from Dunbar, grain; Stittin, Jacobs, from Rotterdam, goods.

—19. Sprightly, Taylor, from London, goods; Hazard, Cleghorn, from Dundee, do.; London Packet, Ramsay, from London, do.; Friends Adventure, Peahy, Guernsey, wine; and four sloops with coal.

CLEARED OUT.

Hope, Taylor, for Trinidad, goods; Caledonia, Creare, for Dublin, do.; Leith Packet, Scott, for London, do. Wind E. moderate.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,
The Old Shipping Company's Smack,
LONDON PACKET.
JOHN RAMSEY Master.

Will take in goods till Tuesday, afternoon at five o'clock, when she will sail.

Old Shipping Company's Office, } W. GRINLY, Ag.
Leith, April 19, 1799.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,
The Union Shipping Company's Armed Smack,
ROXBURGH PACKET,
THOMAS TAYLOR Master,
AND SPRIGHTLY PACKET,
JA. TAYLOR, Master.

Will take in goods, the Roxburgh till this evening, and sail to-morrow afternoon, at one o'clock; and the Sprightly, till Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock, when she will sail.

Union Co's Office, Leith,
April 20, 1799.

FOR QUEBEC,
THE FINE BRIG CONCORD,
Burden 240 tons,
RICHARD WILSON, Master.

Apply to ADAM AND MATTHEW,
GREENOCK, 18th March 1799.

FOR GIBRALTAR OR MINORCA,
The Strong Fast-Sailing Ship,
VIGILANCE,
JOHN STEEDMAN, Commander.

Will sail from Leith for Shields the 16th inst. Her stay there will not exceed six days, wind and weather serving, when she will sail for Gibraltar or Minorca.

The Vigilance has excellent accommodation for either cabin or stowage passengers, having two cabins neatly fitted up, and large between decks. For passage apply to George Robb, merchant, Leith, or the Captain on board the ship.

N.B. Goods for Newcastle or Shields will be taken by the above Vessel, under the customary freight, but must be agreed for, on or before the 16th instant.—Apply as above.

LEITH, APRIL 10, 1799.

To be SOLD by public roup, at Lochinver, in the county of Sutherland, on Friday the 17th May next, at twelve o'clock noon,

THE SMACK CHARMING SALLY, of London, burden per register about 60 tons, built for and lately employed in the cod-fishing.

It being generally well known, that the vessels in this trade exceed all others as fast sailers, good sea-boats in the materials and build of their hulls, spars, and rigging, it is thought unnecessary to give a more particular description of the Charming Sally, than that she is acknowledged one of the fastest sailing and luckiest vessels in the trade.

As she will answer to repair for being continued in service, or make an excellent dry-bottomed vessel, only such part of her materials as may suit the views of intending purchasers will be sold with her, and suitable credit will be given to satisfactory surety.

Donald Macdonald of Tanera will give any further necessary information, on personal application, or to letters addressed for him by Dingwall.

FIR WOOD TO BE SOLD.

THE FIR TREES in the South Park at Abernethy, near Auchtermuchty, Perthshire, will be sold by public roup in lots, upon Monday the 6th day of May next.

The WOOD is well grown, and adapted for all purposes.—The roup will begin at 10 o'clock precisely.

TO THE CREDITORS OF
JOHN MACLEAN, merchant in Leith.

A GENERAL MEETING of the creditors of the said John Maclean is to be held in the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 8th day of May next, at two o'clock afternoon, for the purpose of choosing a trustee in place of the late Mr Alexander Nairne, and to give directions for settling the accounts of Mr Nairne, and of the agent for the creditors.

EDINBURGH, 6th April, 1799.

TO THE CREDITORS OF
Mess. THOMAS and WILLIAM PARKER, late Merchants in Leith.

THE Creditors of Mess. THOMAS and WILLIAM PARKER will receive a Second Dividend upon their debts, by applying to James Gibson, W. S. any day after Wednesday next the 24th current.

EDINBURGH, April 19, 1799.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE Creditors of JAMES MITCHELL, Carrier in Crief are hereby required to lodge by themselves or their agents particular notes of their claims, with oaths of verity thereto, in the hands of John Drummond, merchant in Crief, on or before Monday the 29th current, that a final statement of the funds recovered may be made up; certifying to those who neglect, that they will have no after claim on the subject or trustees.

Crief, April 15, 1799.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THE late Wm. MORRISS, shipmaster in Inverkeithing, having before his death executed a trust disposition of his personal and part of his heritable property in favours of Mr James Elder, residing there, and Mr James Douglas, writer in Dunfermline, for behoof of his creditors, a meeting of the creditors will be held in Wilson's New Inn, Dunfermline, on Thursday the 9th of May next, at 11 o'clock forenoon, betwixt and which day all persons to whom the said William Morris was indebted, at the time of his death, are requested to lodge notes thereof with the said Mr James Douglas, to enable his trustees to make out a state of his affairs to be then laid before the meeting.

Dunfermline, April 15, 1799.

TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS,
And also to JOHN and JAMES WILLIAMSON, sons of the deceased PETER WILLIAMSON, late of the Penny-post Office, EDINBURGH.

ALL PERSONS who stood indebted to the said PETER WILLIAMSON, are desired to pay the same to Mr John McGlashan, writer in Edinburgh, who has power to grant the proper discharges; and those to whom the said Peter Williamson stood indebted, will please lodge a note thereof, with Mr McGlashan as soon as possible.

And if the above John and James Williamson will apply to Mr McGlashan, they will hear of something to their advantage.

Not to be repeated.

HUNTINGTOWER BLEACHFIELD, Near Perth.

RICHARDSON and CO. will bleach this season, at the following prices, viz.—

All plain Linen, yard-wide and under, not exceeding

800 warp and under 2 d. 1700 & all above 6 d.

900 2 1/2 d. Diapers 3 1/2 d.

1000 & 1100 3 d. Fine Tweels & Damasks 4 1/2 d.

1200 3 1/2 d. Long Lawns 3 d.

1300 & 1400 4 d. Cambrics 4 d.

1500 4 1/2 d. 1200 & under half whites 2 d.

1600 5 d.

All above yard-wide in proportion to its breadth.

CLOTH taken in for this Field by John Low, head of Skinner's Close, Edinburgh—Thomas Kirkaldy, Dunfermline—David Wile, Dundee—Alexander Macan, drew, Dunkeld—Patrick Stewart and John Young and Co. Perth—Thomas Young, at the Bleachfield.

From a command of Bleaching-Ground and Machinery the Public may depend on quick returns.

DOCTOR INNES'S POWDERS.

MR LEA has the satisfaction to inform the Public, that by authority of the Executors of the late Doctor INNES, the COMPOUND STRENGTHENING POWDERS are still continued to be prepared, and, under his direction, are sold, by appointment, in sealed parcels, price 5s. 6d. (including duty,) with Observations and Directions, which, to prevent imposition, are signed by Mr Lea.

The very great benefits derived from the use of these valuable Powders, by means of the particular mode of their preparation and composition, renders unnecessary a more minute description of their many salutary effects, in restoring the Weak, Debilitated, and Nervous Constitutions of the Young and Old of both Sexes to health and vigour, gradually changing the most pale and languid complexion into a blooming and healthy appearance. It may be necessary to state, that they are exhibited in practice by the First Medical Characters in Great Britain.

These Powders are sold at Edinburgh, by Mr LEA, Dentist, New Street, and by Mr MONCRIEFF, Apothecary to his Majesty, North Bridge Street, and at his House, No. 35, Prince's Street.

At Glasgow, by Mr Angus McDonald, jeweller.

At Aberdeen, by Mr Black, apothecary.

At Stirling, by Mr Anderson, stationer.

At Perth, by Mr Hill, stationer.

At Leeds, by Mr Binn, bookseller.

At Newcastle, by Mr Humble, stationer.

At London, by Mr Monteith, chemist and druggist, Grace Church Street.

At Dublin, by Mr Callwell, stationer, No. 47, College Green.

N. B. As these Powders may be used with safety and advantage either in Warm or Cold Climates, merchants purchasing for exportation, or wholesale dealers, by remitting to Mr Lea money, or good bills at short dates, will have their orders carefully and punctually executed.

BUILDING YARD, &c. AT GREENOCK.

To be SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament, or New Session-House of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 22d of May, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon,

THE BUILDING YARD AND DWELLING HOUSES possessed by William McKechin, James Erskine, and Moses McLellan, sometime belonging to Simon Halliday, and lying betwixt the towns of Greenock and Crawford's Dyke.

THE EARL OF ELGIN'S LIMESTONES.

At Charlton, by North Queens Ferry.

THE Burning of LIME has commenced at these Works for the Season, and the Public may depend upon a regular supply of the following articles as late as the weather will allow the operation to be continued.

BY SEA CARRIAGE.

Limeshells at 11d. per boll, Linlithgow pease measure containing 85 Scots pints.

Slacked Lime at 6s. 6d. per chaldron, of 28 bolls.

Limestone at 2s. per ton or 8d. per cart.

All put free on board.

The usual credit will be given to old customers, or such new ones as with proper recommendations are pleased to favour the Works with their orders.

Letters and commissions may be addressed "To the Managers of the Earl of Elgin's Limestones, Charlton, by North Queens Ferry." These orders will be attended to with as much punctuality as the nature of the trade will admit of, and the friends and customers of the Works may depend upon their interest and accommodation being studied as far as possible.

Shipmasters favouring the Works may depend upon the civilised usage, and the strictest justice in regard to their loading births, while they conform to the established regulations of the port, and they will receive with the greatest impartiality the common encouragement in point of freights.

The months of June, July, and August, are those in which the greatest part of the orders sent to the Works are wished to be executed, all of which can with difficulty be got accomplished, and frequently orders are not sent until the cargo is immediately wanted, which puts it in a great measure out of the Manager's power, either to give a positive answer, or to serve the customers so pointedly as could be wished. In order as far as possible to remedy this inconvenience, it is earnestly requested that customers will transmit their orders as early in the Season as they can; and they will also particularly mention their full address by post, that the letter transmitting the invoice may reach them.

Charlton, 10th April 1799.

DALACHY LIME WORKS.

THE Burning of Lime has commenced at these Works.—The prices are as formerly:

RAW STONE, at 2s. 10d. per ton of 22 cwt.

SHELLS, at 1s. 6d. 7 per boll, five pease measure, containing 88 Scots pints.

Face of all Harbour or Shore Dues.

The limestone is of the finest quality, being perfectly free from sand, and therefore in great request for the use of foundries; and although the prices are apparently higher than at other works in the neighbourhood, yet upon trial the lime will be found cheaper, as 1 boll of shells produces 34 bolls of slacked lime, and 1 boll of lime requires 3 bolls of sand for building, so it is equally advantageous to the farmer and builder, and particularly for when carried a considerable distance either by sea or land. The harbour of Steeple-Burn, is commodious, safe, and completely sheltered; and has 10 feet of water at neap tides, and 16 feet in spring tides.

Orders addressed to Hugh Country, factor for the Earl of Morton, at Aberdeen, will be punctually attended to. And it is requested that those who wish to be supplied with lime will give their commissions as early as possible, in order to their being expeditiously served, and be pointed in their directions to prevent mistakes.

Shipmasters wanted to contract with for carriage of lime.

ROUP OF CATTLE, SHEEP, &c.

To be SOLD, by public roup, at Bighouse in the county of Sutherland, on the 3d Wednesday of June next,

THE Entire and Extensive STOCKING, and IMPLEMENTS of HUSBANDRY, on the different Farms which belonged to the late Colonel Mackay of Bighouse, consisting of Milch Cows, Bulls, Yeld Cattle, Ewes, Tups, and other Sheep, both of the Cheviot and Linton Breeds—Horses and all labouring utensils.—This Stocking is known to be of a very superior quality, and well deserving the attention of Country Gentlemen and Farmers.

Catalogues may be had on applying to Captain Sackville Sutherland of Uppall, by Dornoch, or to Hugh Macdonald at Bighouse, at any time before the sale.

MAINS OF SKIBO—SUTHERLAND.

On Tuesday, the 28th May 1799, there will be SOLD by roup, on the premises, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

THE Whole STOCKING of the MAINS OF SKIBO, consisting of Work Horses, Mares, Colts, Fillies, and Foals of the south and west country breed; Oxen and Stots, Milch Cows, and Queys, and Calves, all of the large and fine breed; some good Highland Garrons. Also, Carls, Ploughs, Harrows, and other Utensils of Husbandry, and a complete set of Dairy Utensils, most new, and in good condition.

Six months credit, with proper security, will be given; and the roup will be continued on the above and following days, until the whole be sold off.

N. B.—The Farm of MAINS OF POLROSSIE is to be LET for nineteen years from Whitsunday 1799. It consists of from 250 to 300 acres of rich soil, adjoins to Skibo, lies along the north bank of the Frith of Dornoch, and has been four years under a course of improvement by inclosing, fallowing, and liming.—Enquire at Captain K. McKay, factor, at Torbol, near Dornoch.

FARMS IN RENFREWSHIRE.

To be LET for 19 years, from Martinmas next 1799.

THE FOLLOWING FARMS ON THE ESTATE OF NEWARK:

Names of Farms. Present Tenants. Extent Scots measure.

1. Meikle Auchintibber, John Wood, 354 2

2. Little Auchintibber, Wm. Cuthbert, 196 0

3. Youngstone, Mrs Crawford, 118 2

4. White Croft, And. McMillan, about 9 0

5. Part of Wood of Newark, Alex. Woodrow, about 3 0

The above Farms are partly inclosed.—They are well adapted for rearing cattle, and lie within about three miles of Greenock, and two of Port-Glasgow.

The Tenants or Baron-officer will shew the Lands, and offers may be given in between and the 1st day of June next, to Mess Dundas and Robertson, writers to the signet, or to James Paterson, Wishaw House, by Hamilton.

FARMS IN STIRLINGSHIRE TO LET.

For 19 years, and entered to at the periods after mentioned, THE FARM of SCONES, containing 52 acres, or thereby, as presently possessed by William Fleming.—Entry at Martinmas 1799.

II.—The FARM of AITKINS-GLEN, as presently possessed by Mrs Aikman, containing 65 acres, and 16 of broomlands, or thereby.—Entry at Martinmas 1800.

III.—The WEST FARM of DURIESHILL, presently possessed by John Paul, containing 69 acres, or thereby.—Entry at Martinmas 1801.

IV.—The EAST FARM of DURIESHILL, possessed by Robert Mitchell, of about 100 acres, or thereby.—Entry at Martinmas 1801.

V.—That PART of the FARM of BROOMLANDS, lying east of the turnpike road, containing 28 acres, or thereby, presently possessed by Hugh Gillespie.—Entry at Martinmas 1801.

The greater part of these Farms are arable, and partly inclosed, are of a good dry soil, well adapted for turnip and sown grass; adjoin to the turnpike roads leading from Falkirk and Stirling, and from Denny to Stirling, and are situated within four or five miles of both these market towns. Upon the land there is a limestone quarry, level free, for the use of the tenants; also a good coal.

Proposals to be lodged with James Henderson, writer in Falkirk, which will be kept secret, if desired.

TO LET.

For such a number of years as shall be agreed upon, THE MILL of DUNTRUNE, together with between thirty and forty acres of rich arable Land. The Mill is situated within four measured miles of Dundee, has a very high fall, and constant supply of water. Entry at separation of crop 1799.

At the same place may be had a situation where machinery to a great extent may be erected, with any quantity of ground not exceeding two hundred acres, inclosed with stone dykes, and well watered. A Steading of Offices, substantially finished and slated, was built upon it within these few years. It may be entered to immediately.

Written proposals for a lease of either of the above may be given in to the proprietor at Duntrune, and such as are not accepted of will be kept secret, if required.

Alexander Smith, griever at Duntrune, will shew the premises; and a plan of the New Fall will be seen in the hands of Mr Samuel Bell, architect in Dundee.

N. B. There is plenty of free stone in the lands.

FARM IN THE EAST OF FIFE TO LET.

And to be entered to at Martinmas next.

THE LAND of WESTFIELD of NEWHALL, called LETHAM or MARTIN, lying in the parish of Craig, given in to Mr William Leslie, at King'sburn, or to the Hon. Henry Erskine, the proprietor, at Edinburgh.

LANDS IN BERWICKSHIRE FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by private bargain.

A FARM, in the neighbourhood of the sea-port of Eyemouth, in the county of Berwick, in whole, or in parts, as officers may incline.

The whole is sown up with grass seeds, and inclosed, and entry may be had immediately, or at Whitsunday next 1799.

Plenty of Sea-water for Manure, Stones and Sand for building, may be got on the shores of the Farm; a stream of water running through the farm, affords a good situation for a threshing machine to go by water.

Intending purchasers may apply to Alexander Low in Woodend, near Dunse, who is empowered to conclude a bargain for the whole, or divisions thereof.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN THE STEWARTRY OF KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 10th day of July 1799, between the hours of five and six in the afternoon.

ALL and Whole the Ten Merk LAND OF CORBIE, thereof, lying in the Parish of Bute and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

These Lands consist of 269 acres, 1 rood, and 9 fells, Scots statute measure, and are situated on the great military road from England to Ireland by Portpatrick, at the distance of 11 miles from Dumfries, and six from Castle Douglas. The soil is considered to be of as good a quality as any in Galloway, both for tillage and pasture, and may be improved at a small expense, there being marle within the property, and lime and shells can be had at a moderate price. The vicinity of these lands to Dumfries and Castle Douglas affords a ready market for the produce thereof, and being at the distance of only three miles from the harbour of Dub-of-Hass on the Solway Firth, they lie very convenient for the exportation of grain to the markets of Liverpool and other towns on the west of England.

There is a commodious House of two storeys with suitable offices, on the premises, also a Garden and Orchard. The lands hold of the Crown, and afford a freehold qualification on a return.

The free proven rent of the lands is 201l. 5s. 12d. and the proven value is 563l. 21s. 8d. at which sum they will be set up to sale.

The whole of the lands, excepting two small possessions of 8l. 8s. and 11l. 11s. of yearly rent are let in lease. The time is for twenty-one years after Whitsunday 1791, and there is a condition therein that in case of a sale of the lands, and the purchaser shall incline to assume the possession thereof, it shall be in his power to do so at any term of Whitsunday during the currency of the lease, by giving a year's previous notice to the tenant, and allowing him one full year's rent. The tenant, on the other hand, being obliged at his removal to leave the whole lands in grass.

Also, That DWELLING-HOUSE in Calvert's Vennel, in the town of Dumfries, with the pertinents, presently possessed by Mrs Riddick. The proven rent thereof is 12l. and the proven value 180l. at which sum they will be set up to sale.

Also, All and Whole a PARK or PIECE of LAND, extending to about an acre or thereby, situated near the shore of Kelton, in the parish of Carlwark, and sheriffdom of Dumfries, on part of which there is built a Warehouse, presently possessed by Mess. Crobbie and Jardine, merchants in Dumfries; also three Dwelling-houses and a Forge.

Also, All and Whole the just and equal Half of that Part of a YARD and SHADES, lying in the town of Dumfries, on part of which there are built a Dwelling-house, Warehouse, Stables, and Cellars, all lately possessed by Mr George Ross.

The proven rent of these lands and tenements is 50l. and the proven value is 348l. at which sum they will be set up to sale.

The articles of roup and title-deeds, with a plan of the land of Corbie, may be seen at the office of Mr Bruce, deputy clerk of Session; and persons wishing for further information may apply to James Gilchrist, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, or to Wellwood Maxwell, Esq. Dumfries, the judicial factor on the lands, who will shew printed copies of the memorial and abstract of the prepared state in the process of sale.

By Adjournment, AT REDUCED PRICES, FIXED AS UNDER.

LANDS In the Counties of Argyle and Edinburgh.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Monday the 8th day of July next, betwixt the hours of one and three afternoon,

THE ESTATE of HAYFIELD, beautifully situated upon the Lake of Lochow, within twelve miles of Inverness, the county town, and within three miles of the sea at Bann, where an iron furnace is erected by an English company.

This estate is worthy of attention, as few or none have such advantages, both natural and acquired. The soil is excellent, abounds with lime-stone, is capable of the highest improvement, well adapted for cropping and grazing, and there is easy access by good roads.

The Mansion-house is good and modern, commanding a delightful prospect of the lake and islands therein, the largest of which belongs to the estate. The office-houses are large and commodious, and all lately built, and there is an excellent garden, of south exposure, well stocked with fruit trees. The pleasure grounds and plantations, containing trees of many various kinds, are beautifully laid out, and which, as well as the natural woods upon the estate, are thriving and valuable, and the whole premises in the highest order.

The estate abounds with game, and the lake of Lochow and river of Awe, (which are part of its boundaries) afford salmon, and other fish of different kinds.

The present free rent is only about 560l. Sterling, including casualties, but by a late survey and report of Mr Langland, late surveyor, (ready to be shewn) the rent upon nineteen years lease is estimated at 761l. 14s. 6d. exclusive of the rent of two mills, and a public house. The present value of the woods, as estimated by persons of skill, is upwards of 3900l.

The upset price is now to be 20,000l. Sterling.